the smooth growth of the small scale sector.

Production and supply white cent and oil well cement

635. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking into consideration the production and supply of white cement and oil well cement while fixing the production targets of cement industry and while considering further capacity in cement industry; and

(b) whether the production, distribution and pricing of white cement and oil well cement are regulated by Government; if not, what varieties of cement are covered within the purview of regulation of production, distribution and pricing by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government takes into consideration expected production of white Cement and Oil Well Cement in fixing the overall annual cement production targets. Similarly, the availability of these varieties of cement *vis-a-vis* expected demand, is also taken into account at the time of considering proposals for additional capacity.

(b) There is no control on pricing and distribution of White Cement and Oil Well Cement. On all other varieties of cement covered under the Cement Control Order, price and distribution control is limited to levy quota of each producer of large size cement plant sector. There is no price and distribution control on non-levy quota of large size cement plants and on the entire production of mini cement plants. Under the Cement Control Order, prices have been fixed only in respect of the following varieties of levy cement:—

(i) Water Proof (Hydrophobic cement).

(ii) Rapid hardening cement.

(iii) Low heat cement.

(iv) High Strength Ordinary Portland Cement conforming to IS Specification: 8112.

(v) Ordinary Portland Cement.

(vi) Portland Slag Cement.

(vii) Pozzolana Portland Cement.

(viii) Masonry cement.

Production and supply of white cement and oil well cement

636. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of proposals for the manufacture of small and medium cars are awaiting clearance;

(b) if so, what are the names of companies which have shown interest for the manufacture of cars in collaboration with foreign companies and their names; and

(c) what are the names of companies which have offered to manufacture small cars having price of less than Rs. 50,000 per and what steps are being taken to clear these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The details of various proposals received for the manufacture of passenger cars are given in the annexed. Statement. (*See* below).

(c) M/s. Escorts Ltd., M/s. Kerala Commercial Vehicles and Gujarat State Ind. Development Corporation have indicated that the price range of their proposed vehicle will be less than Rs. 50,000.

All these proposals will be considered in terms of the new automobile policy being evolved by the Government.